

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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Claims 1-28 (canceled)

Claim 29 (previously presented): A refrigerator shelf comprising:

at least one support panel formed of at least one sheet of glass or plastic, the at least one support panel having a plurality of corners; and

a plurality of coverpieces comprising a plurality of cornerpieces each positioned to cover one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel,

wherein the plurality of cornerpieces covers an entire periphery of the at least one support panel when assembled, and at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is attached to the at least one support panel via at least one internal relief provided on the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces, thereby allowing the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces to be anchored in at least one groove made on the at least one support panel.

Claim 30 (previously presented): A refrigerator shelf comprising:

at least one support panel formed of at least one sheet of glass or plastic, the at least one support panel having a plurality of corners; and

a plurality of coverpieces comprising at least one cornerpiece covering one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel,

wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is adapted to fit together with another one of the plurality of coverpieces, and at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is attached to the at least one support panel via at least one internal relief provided on the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces, thereby allowing the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces to be anchored in at least one groove made on the at least one support panel.

Claim 31 (previously presented): A refrigerator shelf comprising:

at least one support panel formed of at least one sheet of glass or plastic, the at least one support panel having a plurality of corners; and

a plurality of coverpieces comprising at least one cornerpiece covering one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel,

wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is adapted to slip or slide in another one of the plurality of coverpieces so as to form a telescopic set of coverpieces, and at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is attached to the at least one support panel via at least one internal relief provided on the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces, thereby allowing the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces to be anchored in at least one groove made on the at least one support panel.

Claim 32 (currently amended): A refrigerator shelf comprising:

at least one support panel formed of at least one sheet of glass or plastic, the at least one support panel having a plurality of corners; and

a plurality of coverpieces comprising at least one cornerpiece covering only one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel,

wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is attached to the at least one support panel via at least one internal relief provided on the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces, thereby allowing the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces to be anchored in at least one groove made on the at least one support panel.

Claim 33 (currently amended): A refrigerator shelf according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of cornerpieces comprises plastic.

Claim 34 (currently amended): A refrigerator shelf according to claim 32, wherein the plurality of coverpieces comprises a plurality of cornerpieces each covering one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel.

Claim 35 (currently amended): A refrigerator shelf according to claim 32, wherein the plurality of coverpieces comprises at least one coverpiece covering, in full or in part, just one side of the panel.

Claim 36 (currently amended): A refrigerator shelf according to claim 32, wherein the plurality of coverpieces has a length and shape such that the plurality of coverpieces covers the entire periphery of the panel.

Claim 37 (currently amended): A refrigerator shelf according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is adapted to fit together with another one of the plurality of coverpieces.

Claim 38 (currently amended): A refrigerator shelf according to claims claim 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is adapted to slip or slide in another one of the plurality of coverpieces so as to form a telescopic set of coverpieces.

Claim 39 (canceled)

Claim 40 (currently amended): A refrigerator shelf according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces includes an assembling means for assembling with a chassis of an item of furniture or is configured to receive the assembling means.

Claim 41 (currently amended): A refrigerator shelf according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces includes at least one stiffening fin or is configured to receive the at least one stiffening fin.

Claim 42 (currently amended): A refrigerator shelf according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces includes at least one rim configured to prevent liquids from running off or is configured to receive the at least one rim.

Claim 43 (currently amended): A refrigerator shelf according to claim 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces includes at least one backrest or is configured to receive the at least one backrest.

Claim 44 (canceled)

Claim 45 (currently amended): A refrigerator shelf according to claims 29, 30, 31 or 32, wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces includes an attaching means for attaching an additional element or is configured to receive the one attaching means.

Claims 46-48 (canceled)

Claim 49 (currently amended): A method of manufacturing a refrigerator shelf, comprising the steps of:

providing a support panel having a plurality of corners and providing a plurality of coverpieces comprising at least one cornerpiece configured to cover only one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel; and

while assembling the plurality of coverpieces onto the support panel, attaching at least one of the plurality of coverpieces to the at least one support panel via at least one internal relief provided on the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces, thereby allowing the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces to be anchored in at least one groove made on the at least one support panel.

Claim 50 (previously presented): A method according to claim 49, wherein at least two of the plurality of coverpieces or cornerpieces are fitted one with the other over at least part of their length and height.

Claims 51-54 (canceled)

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Claim 55 (new): A refrigerated installation equipped with at least a refrigerator shelf comprising:

at least one support panel formed of at least one sheet of glass or plastic, the at least one support panel having a plurality of corners; and

a plurality of coverpieces comprising a plurality of cornerpieces each positioned to cover one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel,

wherein the plurality of cornerpieces covers an entire periphery of the at least one support panel when assembled, and at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is attached to the at least one support panel via at least one internal relief provided on the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces, thereby allowing the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces to be anchored in at least one groove made on the at least one support panel.


Claim 56 (new): A refrigerated installation equipped with at least a refrigerator shelf comprising:

at least one support panel having a plurality of corners; and  
plurality of coverpieces comprising at least one cornerpiece covering one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel,

wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is adapted to fit together with another one of the plurality of coverpieces, and at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is attached to the at least one support panel via at least one internal relief provided on the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces, thereby allowing the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces to be anchored in at least one groove made on the at least one support panel.

Claim 57 (new): A refrigerated installation equipped with at least a refrigerator shelf comprising:

at least one support panel formed of at least one sheet of glass or plastic, the at least one support panel having a plurality of corners, and  
a plurality of coverpieces comprising at least one cornerpiece covering one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel,



wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is adapted to slip or slide in another one of the plurality of coverpieces so as to form a telescopic set of coverpieces, and at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is attached to the at least one support panel via at least one internal relief provided on the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces, thereby allowing the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces to be anchored in at least one groove made on the at least one support panel.

Claim 58 (new): A refrigerated installation equipped with at least a refrigerator shelf comprising:

at least one support panel formed of at least one sheet of glass or plastic, the at least one support panel having a plurality of corners; and

a plurality of coverpieces comprising at least one cornerpiece covering only one of the plurality of corners of the at least one support panel,

wherein at least one of the plurality of coverpieces is attached to the at least one support panel via at least one internal relief provided on the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces, thereby allowing the at least one of the plurality of coverpieces to be anchored in at least one groove made on the at least one support panel.

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